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Californians Win First Annual Governor's Cup Surf Competition

SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH – Two young Southern California surfers took top honors in the first annual Governor's Cup at San Onofre, the first in a series of special athletic events being held at state parks in California.

The Governor's Cup at San Onofre ended on Saturday, and was held in conjunction with the National Scholastic Surfing Association's annual national championships at San Onofre State Beach last week. The competition was held at the Lower Trestles break in the park, one of the top surfing areas in the country.

The Governor's Cup winners were Holly Beck of San Diego and Greg Long of San Clemente. Greg is the son of veteran State Parks Lifeguard Steve Long, who also is an avid surfer. The names of the winners will become the first engraved on the three-foot tall Governor's Cup trophy.

About 850 contestants from throughout the United States Hawaii and Puerto Rico competed in a grueling five-day surfing competition. While the surf was low along the coast of California as the tournament began, it picked up at Lower Trestles during the finals to create the most dramatic competition in years, according to Janice Aragon, NSSA Executive Director.

The competition was the first in a series of Governor's Cup events, premier athletic competitions to be held in California state parks. Future competition is planned to include other sports, such as volleyball, running and mountain biking.

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